

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
BRYSON CITY DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )  
v. )  
 ) CASE No. DNCW2:10CR000029-1  
 ) (Financial Litigation Unit)  
ROBERT BENJAMIN SMITH, )  
 )  
and )  
 )  
EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS,) )  
Garnishee. )

## WRIT OF CONTINUING GARNISHMENT

GREETINGS TO: Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
P.O. Box 455  
Cherokee, North Carolina, 28719  
Attn: Annette Tarnowsky, Attorney General  
(828) 497-7554

An Application for a Writ of Garnishment against the tribal gaming proceed funds of Robert Benjamin Smith, Defendant has been filed with this Court. A judgment has been entered against Defendant, (Docket No. 21). The United States Clerk of Court balance of \$290,738.80, computed through April 25, 2012, is due and owing.

You, as Garnishee, are required by law to answer in writing, under oath, within ten (10) days of service of this Writ, whether or not you have in your custody, control or possession, any property or funds owned by Defendant, including non-exempt, disposable earnings and tribal gaming proceed funds.

You must withhold and retain any property in which Defendant has a substantial non-exempt interest and for which you are or may become indebted to Defendant pending further order of this Court. See 15 U.S.C. §1673(a).

Please state whether or not you anticipate paying Defendant any future payments and whether such payments are weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, annually or bi-annually.

You must file the original written Answer to this Writ within ten (10) days of your receipt of this Writ with the following office:

Clerk of the United States District Court  
Room 309, 100 Otis Street  
Asheville, NC 28801

Additionally, you are required by law to serve a copy of the Answer upon Defendant at his last known address:

Robert Benjamin Smith  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
Cherokee, NC 28719

and

Robert Benjamin Smith  
Prisoner#XXXXXXXXXXXX  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
Edgefield, SC 29824

You are also required to serve a copy of the Answer upon Plaintiff at the

following address:

Jennifer A. Youngs, Assistant United States Attorney  
United States Attorney's Office  
Financial Litigation Unit  
227 West Trade Street, Suite 1650  
Charlotte, NC 28202

Under the law, there is property which is exempt from this Writ of Garnishment. Property which is exempt and which is not subject to this order may be listed on the attached Claim for Exemption form.

Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1674, Garnishee is prohibited from discharging Defendant from employment by reason of the fact that his earnings have been subject to garnishment for any one indebtedness.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §3205(c)(6), if you **fail to answer this Writ or fail to withhold property or funds** in accordance with this Writ, the United States of America may petition the Court for an order requiring you to appear before the Court. If you fail to appear or do appear and fail to show good cause why you failed to comply with this Writ, the Court may enter a judgment against you for the value of Defendant's non-exempt interest in such property. The Court may award a reasonable attorney's fee to the United States and against you if the Writ is not answered within the time specified. It is unlawful to pay or deliver to Defendant any item attached by this Writ.

Signed: April 25, 2012

Dennis L. Howell

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United States Magistrate Judge



## CLAIM FOR EXEMPTION FORM

### **MAJOR EXEMPTIONS UNDER FEDERAL LAW (18 U.S.C. §3613)**

1. Wearing apparel and school books. -- Such items of wearing apparel and such school books as are necessary for Defendant or for members of his family.
2. Fuel, provisions, furniture, and personal effects. -- So much of the fuel, provisions, furniture, and personal effects in Defendant's household, and of the arms for personal use, livestock, and poultry of Defendant, as does not exceed \$6,250 in value.
3. Books and tools of a trade, business, or profession. -- So many of the books, and tools necessary for the trade, business, or profession of Defendant as do not exceed in the aggregate \$3,125 in value.
4. Unemployment benefits. -- Any amount payable to an individual with respect to his unemployment (including any portion thereof payable with respect to dependents) under an unemployment compensation law of the United States, of any State, or of the District of Columbia or of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.
5. Undelivered mail. -- Mail, addressed to any person, which has not been delivered to the addressee.
6. Certain annuity and pension payments. -- Annuity or pension payments under the Railroad Retirement Act, benefits under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, special pension payments received by a person whose name has been entered on the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard Medal of Honor roll (38 U.S.C. 1562), and annuities based on retired or retainer pay under Chapter 73 of Title 10 of United States Code.
7. Workmen's Compensation. -- Any amount payable with respect to compensation (including any portion thereof payable with respect to dependents) under a workmen's compensation law of the United States, any State, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

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- 8. Judgments for support of minor children. -- If Defendant is required by judgment of a Court of competent jurisdiction, entered prior to the date of levy, to contribute to the support of his minor children, so much of his salary, wages, or other income as is necessary to comply with such judgment.
  

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- 9. Certain service-connected disability payments. -- Any amount payable to an individual as a service-connected (within the meaning of section 101(16) of Title 38, United States Code) disability benefit under -- (A) subchapter II, III, IV, V, or VI of Chapter 11 of such Title 38 or (B) Chapter 13, 21, 23, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37 or 39 of such Title 38.
  

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- 10. Assistance under Job Training Partnership Act. -- Any amount payable to a participant under the Job Training Partnership Act (29 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.) From funds appropriated pursuant to such Act.